## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## Proposed DNRC/CS&KT Land Exchange

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CS&KT), are evaluating a proposed land exchange in Lake and Lewis and Clark Counties. DNRC land proposed for exchange is an in-holding within the South Fork Jocko Tribal Primitive Area; Section 36, T17N, R18W. CS&KT land proposed for exchange is the recently purchased North Lincoln property located within the Lincoln State Forest; portions of Sections 1 & 2, T14N, R9W.

The proposal is for the CS&KT to exchange approximately 514 acres north of Lincoln, Montana to DNRC for Common School Trust Lands within the Tribal Primitive Area of approximately equal acres and value. This exchange would allow both DNRC and CS&KT to consolidate their holdings and provide for improved management of their respective lands. Improved management of these lands would benefit Trust beneficiaries, Tribal members, the public and the natural resources.

DNRC and CS&KT invite public comment on this proposal and will utilize comments received to help identify issues, alternatives and the appropriate level of environmental analysis necessary for the proposed land exchange. Please send written comments to:

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Or

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Comments must be received by October 17, 2008